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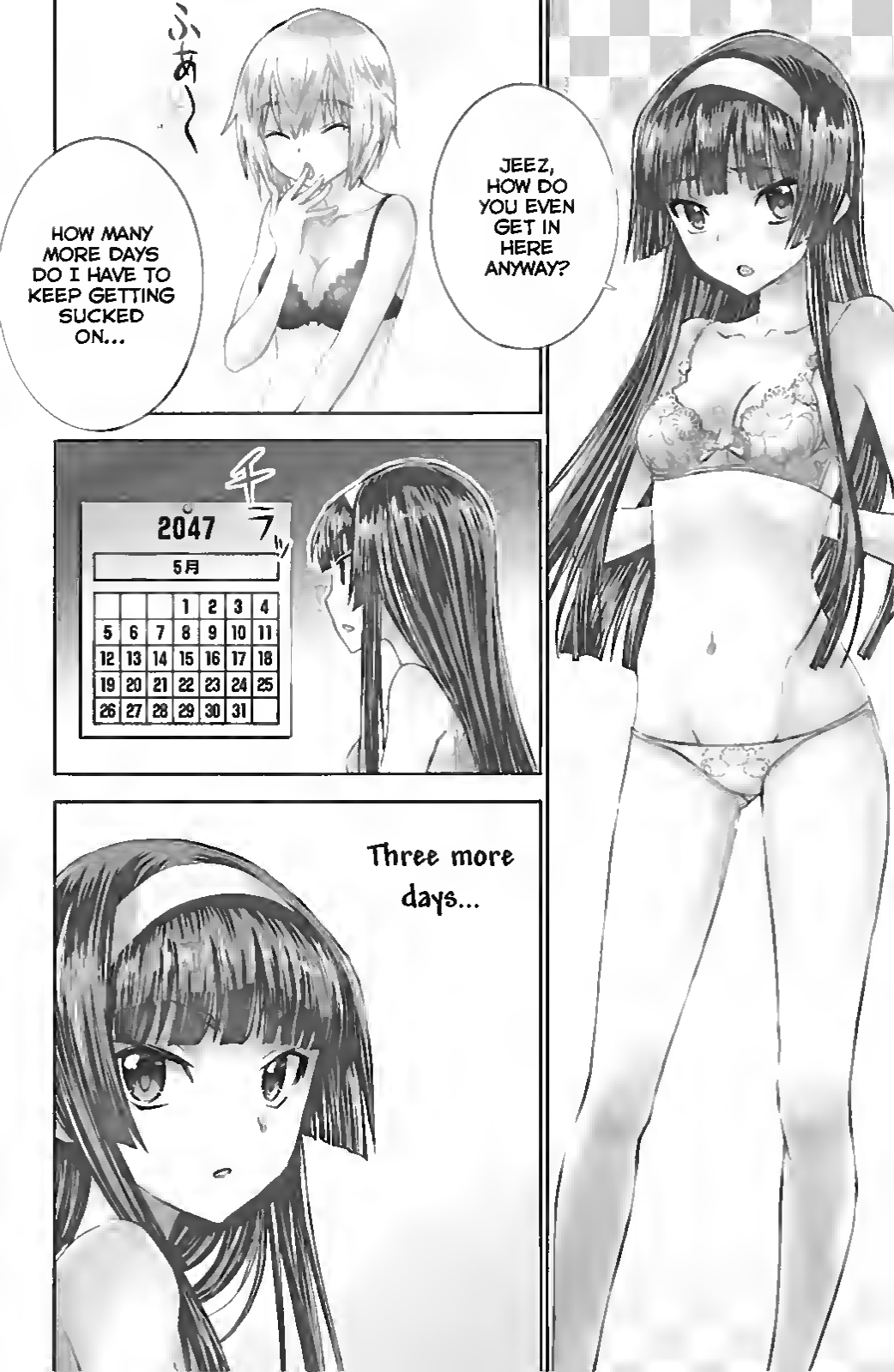
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HOW MANY MORE DAYS DO I HAVE TO KEEP GETTING SUCKED ON...
JEEZ, HOW DO YOU EVEN GET IN HERE ANYWAY?
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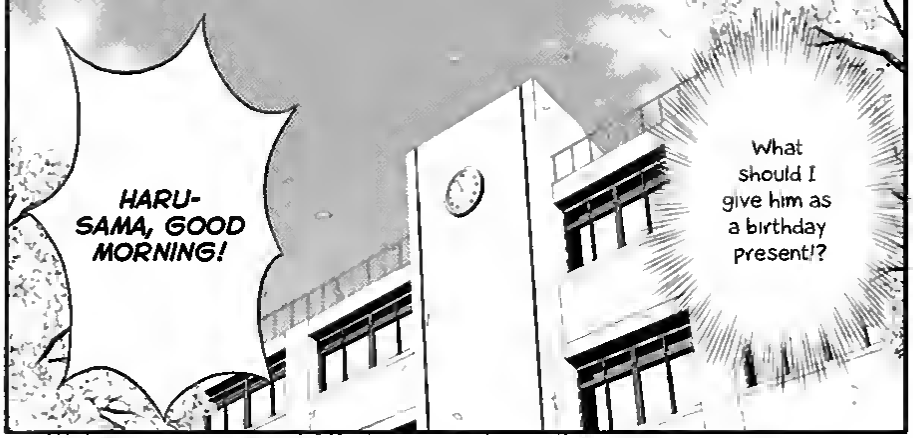
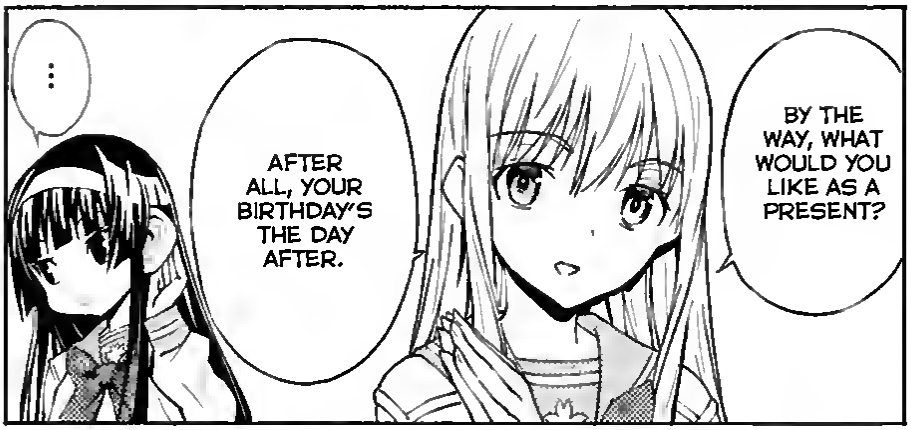
Three more days...


HARU-SAMA, GOOD MORNING!
What should I give him as a birthday present!?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AFTER ALL, YOUR BIRTHDAY'S THE DAY AFTER.
BY THE WAY, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE AS A PRESENT?

HOW COULDN'T WE KNOW, RIGHT HIMESHIRO-SAN?
WHA? HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?
HUH, ME!?

WH-WHY WOULD I HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT PREPARED?
MHM, HAVE YOU ALREADY DECIDED ON A PRESENT, HIMESHIRO-SAN?
Not yet...

I messed up-
OF COURSE NOT! I'VE NEVER REALLY EVENT THOUGHT ABOUT STUFF LIKE THAT!!
OH, SO YOU DON'T DO THINGS LIKE BIRTHDAY PARTIES?

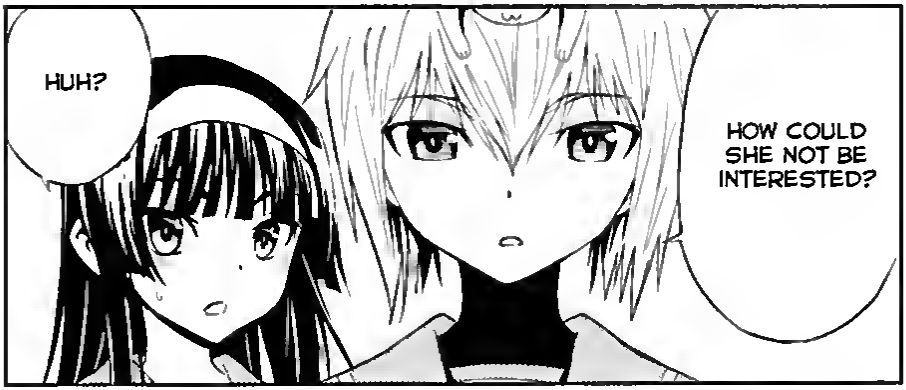
BESIDES, FOR PEOPLE LIKE US, ARE BIRTHDAYS EVEN THAT IMPORTANT TO CELEBRATE?
I MEAN, SINCE WHOEVER WANTS TO HAVE ONE CAN JUST HAVE ONE WHENEVER-
What the heck am I saying??
What am I saying?

I'm so stupid!
Ah- What should I do? This isn't how it was supposed to go!
SHALL WE JUST HAVE AN ALL-NIGHT KARAOKE SESSION BY OURSELVES ON THAT DAY?
OH MY, IS THAT RIGHT... WELL THEN, HARU-SAMA! ♡
UH- THAT MIGHT BE A BIT MUCH...
DOESN'T THAT SOUND GREAT? THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF "KARAOKE COLETTE"!

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT!!
TAKE YOUR SEATS AND WE'LL BEGIN CLASS.
ALRIGHT EVERYONE, ENOUGH TALKING.

TO MARK THIS SPECIAL OCCASION,
I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE A COMPETITION TO SEE
WHO CAN PLEASE HANASAKA-KUN THE MOST WITH A PRESENT!
HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO KEEP THINGS FAIR, THE PRESENT MUST BE HAND-MADE.
EHH..?! WHAT'S THIS-
THAT IS ALL.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
UHM, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE TIME FOR CLASS...
WHILE I DON'T MIND... I THOUGHT HIMESHIRO-SAN DIDN'T HAVE ANY INTEREST?

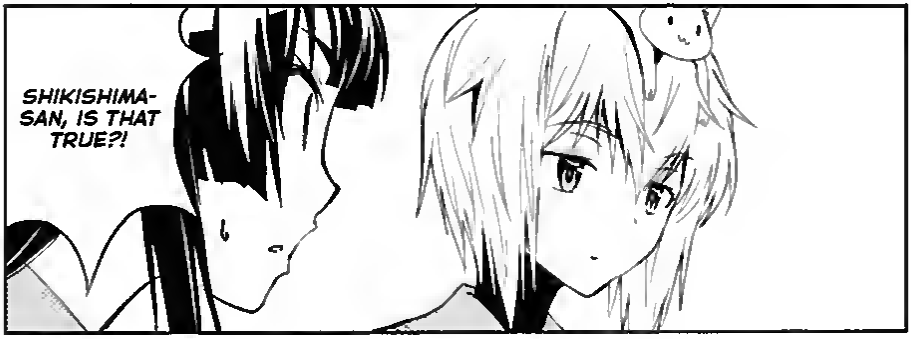

HOW COULD SHE NOT BE INTERESTED?
HUH?

WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SHIKISHIMA-SAN?!
SHE'S BEEN STARING AT THE CALENDAR ONE DAY AFTER ANOTHER.

I'LL ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!
WELL I WASN'T INTERESTED BEFORE, BUT SINCE THIS SEEMS KINDA FUN,

EH..? IT'S TIME FOR CLASS THOUGH-
UHM, BUT I'M THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU GUYS...
WHEN DID HE...
YES!
TAKAMURA, TAKE AWAY THE MEN-

WELL I MUST SAY,
YOU WERE VERY CLEVER TO LIMIT IT TO HAND-MADE PRESENTS ONLY...
THUS LIMITING THE COLETTE FAMILY'S FINANCIAL POWER.


SHIKISHIMA-SAN, IS THAT TRUE?!

I'M NOT A WOMAN MADE OF ONLY MONEY.
BUT PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND.
HUH? BUT CLASS IS ABOUT TO START...
I SHOULD BE GOING NOW.
I HAVE TO GET READY.
AS IF I HAVE TIME TO BE BOTHERED WITH SUCH THINGS.

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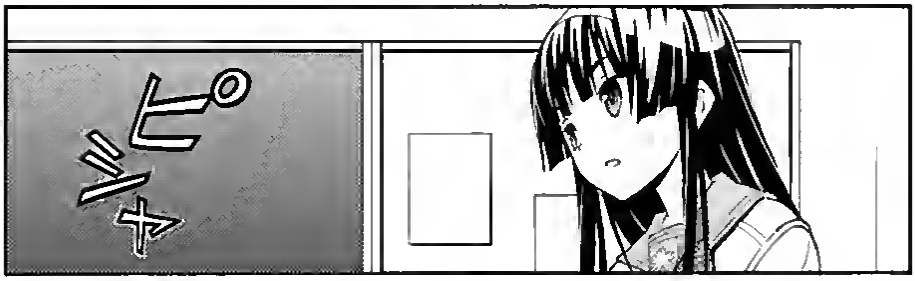
Wh-What am I going to do...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THANKS FOR THAT, SHIKISHIMA-SAN.

FROM THIS MOMENT ON, WE'RE RIVALS.
NOW THEN, I'LL HAVE TO SEE TO THE PREPARA-TIONS.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What am I going to do...
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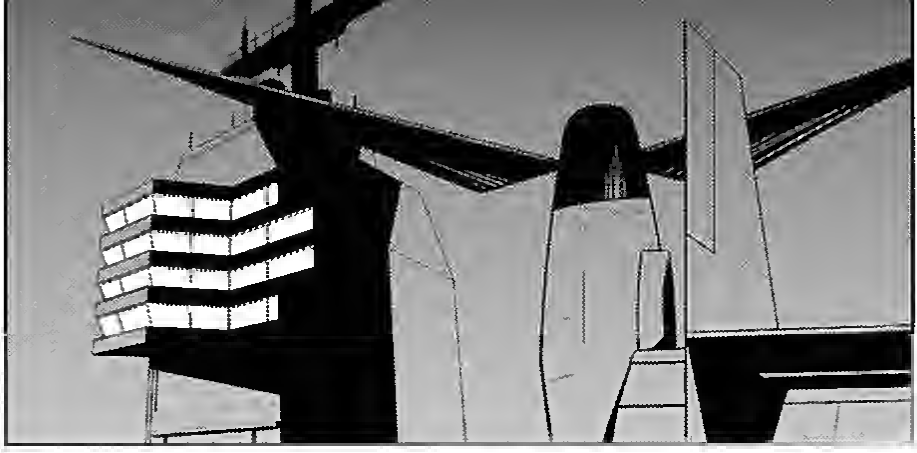
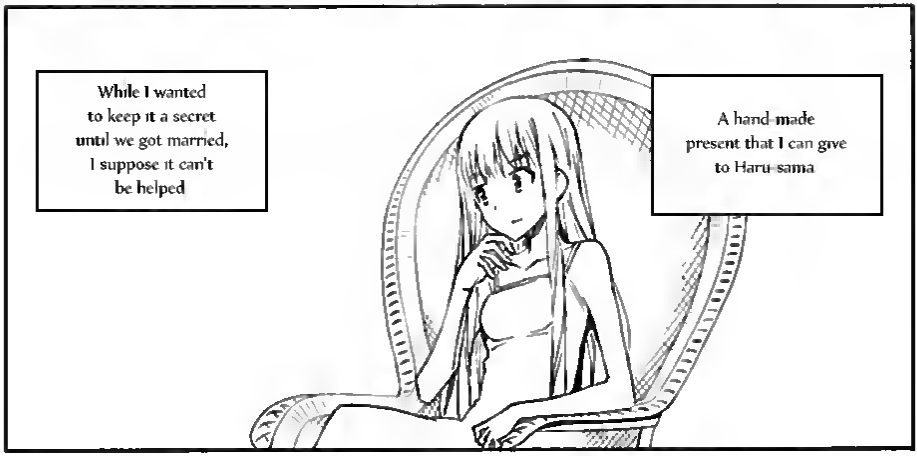
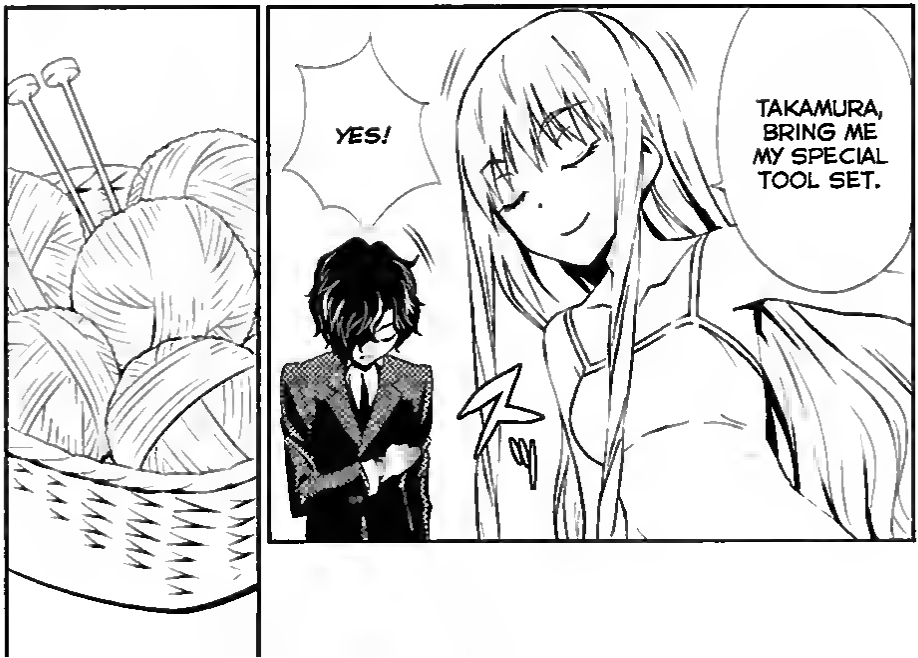
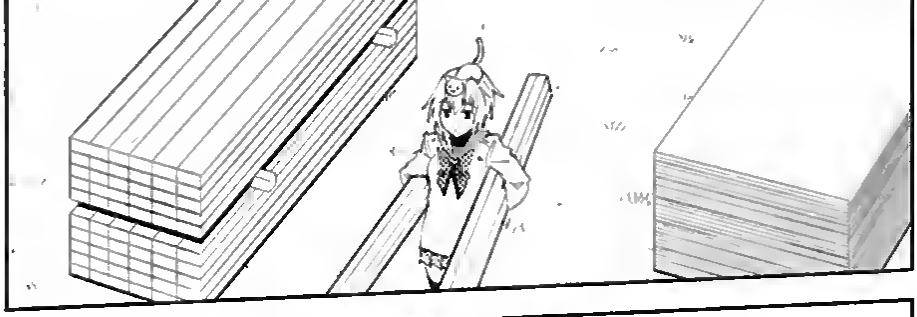
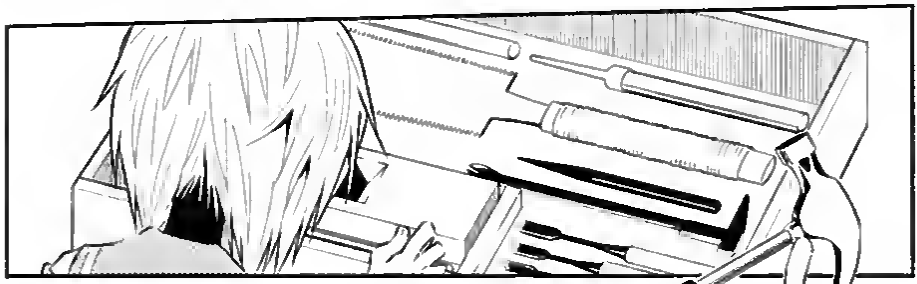
UH- SURE, BUT WHY COOKING?
WELL, SEEING AS I ALWAYS HAVE HANASAKA MAKE FOOD ...
AND BEING TOLD BY THAT GLUTTON SHIKI-SHIMA-SAN THAT MY COOKING IS BAD...
.....
WELL AS YOUR TEACHER, I CAN'T JUST ABANDON YOU, SO I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
REALLY?!
BUT IF I'M GOING TO GET INVOLVED, THEN THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE LOSING!
Y-YES!

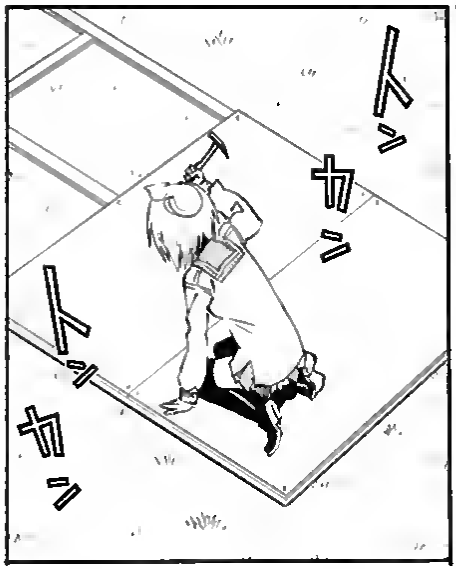



While I wanted to keep it a secret until we got married, I suppose it can't be helped
A hand-made present that I can give to Haru-sama


TAKAMURA, BRING ME MY SPECIAL TOOL SET.
YES!



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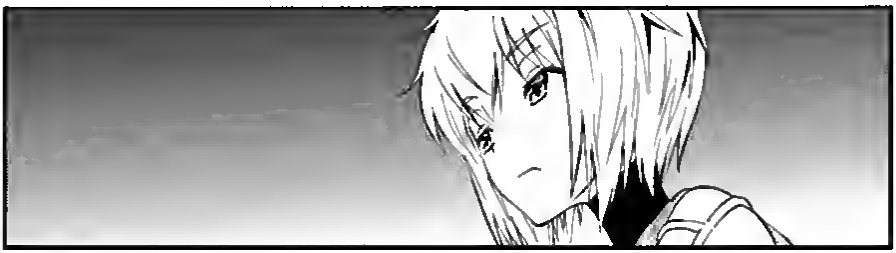
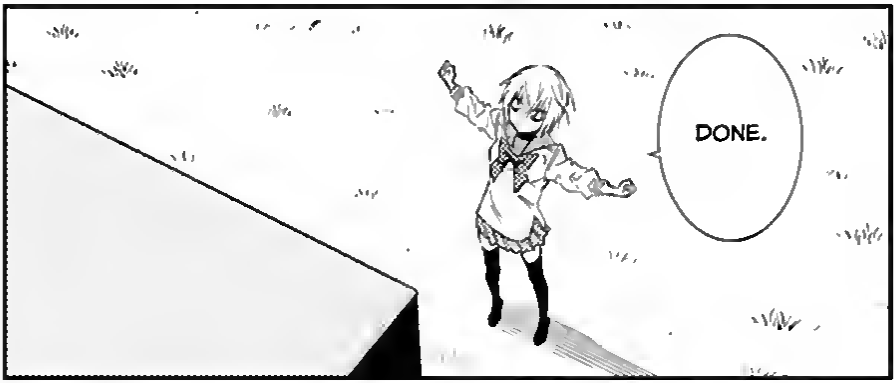
TADANO-SENSEI, THIS ISN'T A LAUGHING MATTER.
HOW ENVIOUS YOUR FAME IS.
LOOKS LIKE NO ONE'S COMING... NOT EVEN TACHIBANA-SENSEI...
and even Shikishima-san
Himeshiro-san
Colette-san
I feel so alienated.
I should be happy, because it's all for me, but...

ALRIGHT, CONCENTRATE. CONCENTRATE!
I'LL MAKE THEM REGRET
GETTING ME THIS SERIOUS!

BUT PERHAPS IT MIGHT NOT BE ADVISABLE TO GIVE THOSE AS PRESENTS...
I KNOW THIS MAY BE PAINFUL TO HEAR, AS YOU SPENT SO MUCH TIME MAKING THEM...

IT'S A CUTE AND CONVENIENT WAY TO HIDE YOUR TOILET PAPER!!




DONE.

Himeshiro-san.
I failed after all...
but please listen carefully.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY HANASAKA♡
As a teacher, this might be the worst thing I could say.
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BUT THAT'S CHEATING...
GIVE THIS TO HANASAKA-KUN.
IF YOU CAN'T DO IT WELL EVEN UNTIL THE END,

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN IT!!
YOU JUST HAVE TO WIN!
WHO CARES? LOVE IS ALL ABOUT THE RESULTS!

AAA AAAAAA AAAAAA AAH!!
YOU CAN'T EVEN MAKE SOMETHING THAT SIMPLE?
No, I'll just tell him the truth...
YOU SCARED ME!
OH SHIKISHMA-SAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
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!?
SHIKISHIMA-SAN?

No one ate today after all.
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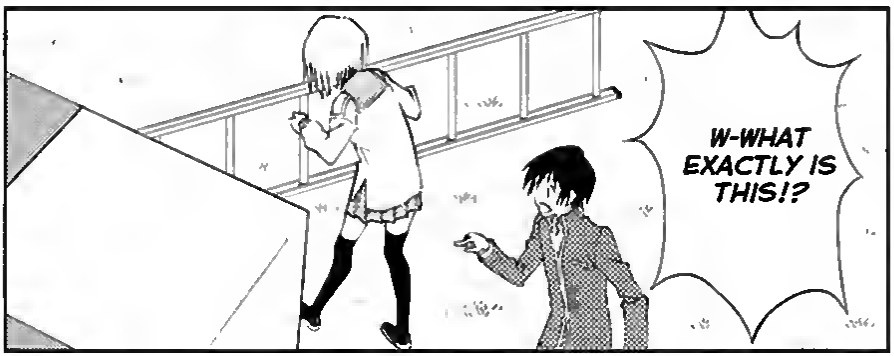
While I appreciate them doing this for me...
I sure hope it quickly finishes.
SHIKISHIMA-SAN, GOOD MORNING! WOULD YOU LIKE SOME-THING TO EAT?
HANASAKA-KUN...

I MADE A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR YOU, HANASAKA-KUN.
WOULD YOU COME WITH ME?

UH,
AH,
MHM!
THANKS!

I wonder where we're going...
THAT'S IT.


W-WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS!?

I HAVE TO CLIMB IT?
YES.
Just what will happen...
ONCE YOU'RE AT THE TOP, OPEN THE LID.
UHM-
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

MMM...
MMM...
MMM...
HIMESHIRO-SAN?!
KI—
AHH?!
WHY ARE YOU-?!

OWW.. ARE YOU ALRIGHT, HIMESHIRO-SAN!!?
JEEZ!
HIME SHIRO-SAN?
KUKKU
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA!!?
SHOW YOURSELF, SHIKISHIMA-SAN!!
I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!!

HEY, HOLD ON. I'LL GET THOSE THINGS OFF OF YOU.
I'M GONNA GET HER BACK SO BADLY FOR THIS...
WHAT? BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO GET IT OFF.
WAIT, NO! DON'T PULL THAT!
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IF YOU TAKE THEM OFF, YOU'LL SEE WHAT'S UNDER!
G-GOT IT..!

I PROMISE NOT TO LOOK!
W-WELL AT LEAST JUST YOUR HANDS.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW...

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HIMESHIRO-SAN?!
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HI-

D-DON'T MISUNDER-STAND.
THAT'S THANKS FOR SAVING ME.
IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I LIKE YOU OR ANYTHING.
O-OKAY.
ALSO,
SEEING AS I COULDN'T REALLY PREPARE A GOOD PRESENT FOR YOU...
AND THIS BEING THE BEST I CAN DO NOW...

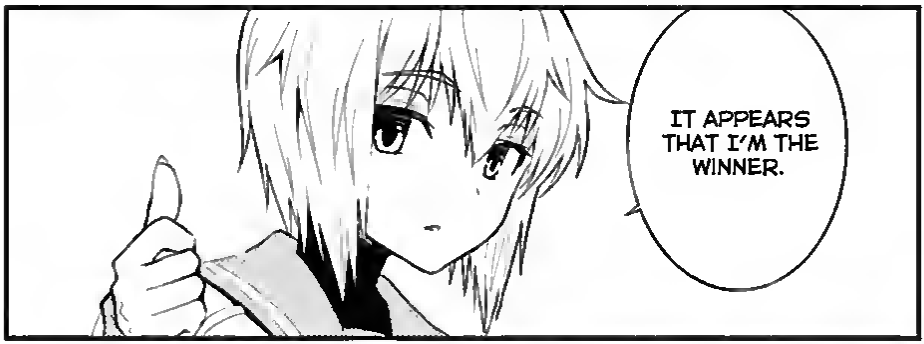
HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
HANASAKA...

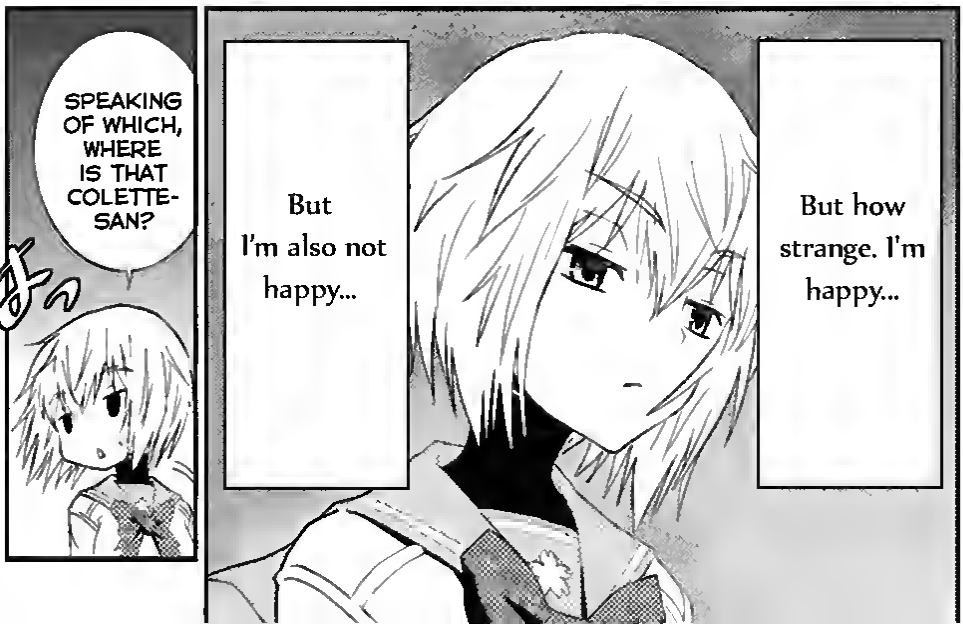
SO HURRY UP AND THINK OF A WAY TO GET US OUT OF HERE!
M-MHM
THANKS!

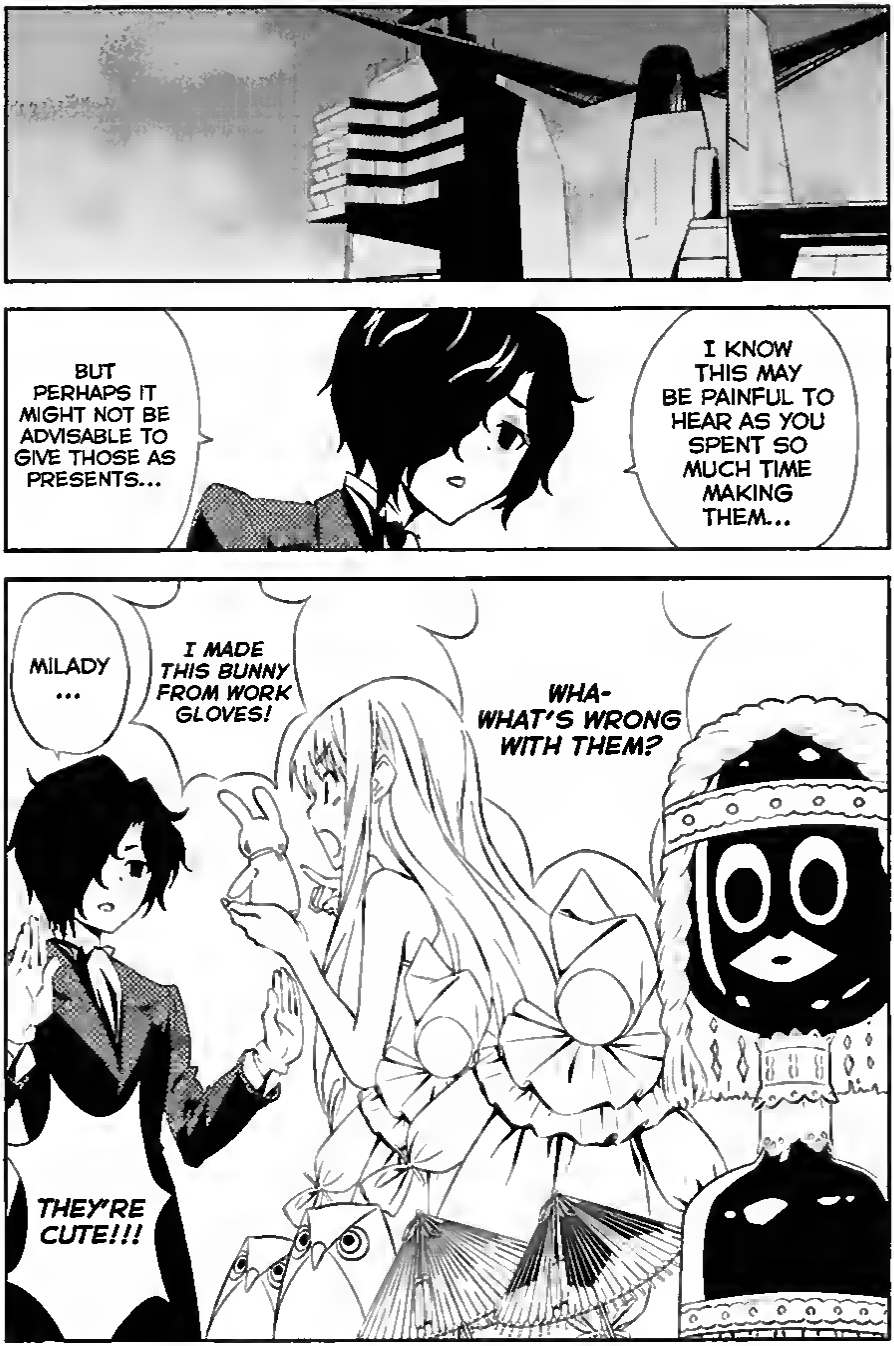
I'LL DO THAT RIGHT NOW!
AH RIGHT!

SHIKISHIMA-SAN, ARE YOU THERE-?
SAY SOMETHING IF YOU'RE THERE-!

SOMEHOW, THIS 'PRESENT' COMPETITION...
SHIKISHIMA-SAAAAAN


IT APPEARS THAT I'M THE WINNER.


SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE IS THAT COLETTE-SAN?
But I'm also not happy...
But how strange. I'm happy...


I KNOW THIS MAY BE PAINFUL TO HEAR AS YOU SPENT SO MUCH TIME MAKING THEM...
BUT PERHAPS IT MIGHT NOT BE ADVISABLE TO GIVE THOSE AS PRESENTS...
MILADY ...
I MADE THIS BUNNY FROM WORK GLOVES!
WHA- WHAT'S WRONG WITH THEM?
THEY'RE CUTE!!!

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